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"Work" Happy Fall

Andy and Nola Champion 2.5K

Andy Weaver and Nola Brausch were the champions at the fifth annual 2.5k run held at Paw Paw high school last Wednesday.

Andy's time was 10:07 while Nola ran the distance in 12:23.

Damien Nicey was second for the boys, Chris Wielenga was third, William Lacey was fourth and fifth place went to Derek Nondorf.

Kari Vesey took second place for girls, Kari Vesey, third, Liz Williams, fourth place and fifth place was Linda Morrison.

The race was sponsored by student council and coached by Mr. Kannegieter.

S.S.R. New Class

S.S.R. is new to the 7th and 8th grade this year. Mrs. Shelton added it this year in place of reading class. Teachers like it because you have more time on reading more books. Also, S.S.R. means Silent Sustained Reading in case you thought it stood for something else.

B. Charlier

Basketball Season Nears End

Girls' basketball season will be over shortly. The following girls played on the seventh grade team: Kelly Carr, Jennifer Price, Angie Butcher, Amy Christenson, Valerie Holzworth, Jessica DeGraaf, Mary Tapper, Molly Markovich, Tricia Markovich, Katie Markovich, Kendra Merrriam and Heather Bigelow.

The eighth grade team included Monaca Healy, Brandi Osborn, Lindsay Smith, Lindsey Thompson, Cris Vhrel, Holly Martin, Emilee Bowers, Kari Holewa, Jennifer Nufer, Kristi Boff, Lias MArr, Christine DeBaptiste, Amanda Pritts, Marrisha Varnesdeel, Liz Williams, and Misty Wright. The manger is Brent Shaefer. The coach is Greg Blackburn.

MH & MC

6th Graders Like It Here

Interviewing some sixth graders at random netted the following responses to the question "What do you like about the school?"

Sarah Josalin said, "It's nice and I like changing classes." Debbie Johnson said, " It's big and all my friends are here." Lisa Satyute liked "the boys."

Jessica Silber said, "Mr. Lutz" while Jena Bowers liked "Mrs. Smith."

Luke Butler said, "Mr. Zolp. He 's a cool teacher." Jeremiah Bloink said, "the cafeteria food is better and the teachers are nicer than at the old school."

Doug Dennen liked " the basketball hoops." Mikki Wright summed it up by saying she liked "Everything."

Cross Country New Club

Since the first day of school, the Cross-Country Club has been running two-three miles at practice. A new activity at PPMS this fall, the Club was being coached by Jason Brautigam, who graduated from Paw PAw high school last spring. Early in October, Jason caught mononucleosis.Temporarily replacing him is John Nondorf, who is the assistant coach for the high school cross-country team.

Both Jason and John are coaching voluntarily since the school can't pay them.

The Cross-Country Club hasn't been very active this year. During the Wine and Harvest Festival, four boys ran in the Grape STomp 5k.

In late September they had a car wash to raise money for t-shirts.

The entire team ran in the Mattawan Fest 5k with the exception of Andy Weaver who ran in the 10k. Matt Dundon, Jeanna Bowers, and Ken Anderson as well as Andy Weaver all took first place in the age group.

D.Morrison

Much discussion took place at one newspaper meeting regarding censorship. That led to many volunteering to write about censorship. Three turned in their views as letters to the editor.

Dear Editor,

I think censorship should be banned because it is against the constitution and all our rights. Censorship is to protect kids against profanity and all the violence seen and heard on tv. But most kids see and hear it everyday anyways.

I can see why adults don't like the violence and profanity but I think that kids are going to learn it because that is the real world aand that is what we have to live with every day.

Sincerely,
Brian Stratton

Anyone who has an opinion to express may write to the Good Times c/o Mrs. Swanson's mailbox in the office or to room 203. The next issue will be December 21.

Dear Editor,

My response to censorship is it stinks. I think it's unjust. In the constitution of the United States, it clearly says,"Freedom of Speech". Censorship is the exact opposite. I went to a Poison/Warrant concert and Jani Lane of Warrant said,"This concert ain't censored because that's not right." The concert wasn't censored either. However when I went to the mall to buy a Warrant tape I had to be 18 or have a parent with me...it's just a tape!

I think censoring is very wrong. When you censor a song or anything else, for that matter, you lose the meaning and the right to express your feelings to others.

Sincerely,

Carrie Zygadlo

Dear Editor,

I think censorship is a problem the government need to consider much moe than it has. I thinkthere are two prts to censorship; the first is the adults and the second is the children. I think the adults don't want the future of America listening to explicit lyrics or other inappropriate materials. On the other hand, there are children who want to do the opposite of what their parents tell them. The children don't want their parents to tell them what music to listen to ,what books to read or what movie on television to watch.

I think rating movies is fine because it acts as a guideline to show what to expect in the theatre. I also approve of making drugs illegal and limiting alcohol until theage of 21.

The things I am no for are banning something totally. When local governments decided to ban 2Live Crew's album "Nasty as they Wanna Be " thesales went up drastically because people took an interest. When banning books, I think either the library, schools, or bookstores have the option to buy or not ban books or recods . I think they shouldn't be'Banned in the USA."

Jennifer White

MOST EMBARRASSING MOMENT

The following is one of the most embarrassing moments/weird story winners from the contest in September.

Kim Boven explains," Last year one day I didn't feel too hot so I went to the office to call home. By the time I got to the office I felt better so I didn't call. I went back to shop class. That was exactly what I should not have done because to my surprise when I got back to class I again didn't feel good. This time I stayed in class, not wanting to walk all the way to the office and feel better again."

"I did fine the whole hour but five minutes before the bell rang, I felt bad again. Naturally I went up to Mr. Cassell to ask if I could go to the officeand call home. He asked me why and as I was about to tell him, before the words even got out of my mouth, I had thrown up all over his lap.

"I was so embarrassed. I could have died. I ran to the bathrooom. On myway back to the office, Icould hear everyone pointing and whispering, 'that's her,Kim Boven, the one who threw up all over Mr. Cassell.' When I come back to school a couple days lter everyone was stillpointing and whispering and saying very rude things to me. I could have died. To this day it is still very embarrassing."

GOOD TIMES STAFF

The staff of the Halloween Good Times included the following people,all of whom volunteered and came to 203 7th hour Fridays in October.

Jason Kniss, Vicki Miller, Jennie Withers, Kathleen Bearden, Jenny Winters, Jessica Martin, Azure Russell, Nicole Tucker, Robert Ritter, Brandi Osborn, Monaca HEaly, Mike Carr, Kelly VanLaar, Chris Laverack, Alicia Sides, Kristi Boff, Ron Winters, Jennifer White, Shea Sherrod, Lisa Marr, Cris Vhrel, Carrie Zygadlo, Jenna Millek, Amanda Pritts, Lindsey Thompson, Shanda Vloch, Debbie Stoner, Brian STratton, David Morrison, Steve Myers, Jessica Zirkle, and Erin Charlier.

Thankyou's to Ms.Helland and Mr. Haupt

What Will the Future Hold?

The tree so tall
Like great big giants
Standing in the fall
Losing their leaves
When they turn the beautiful colors we see,
The winter comes,
The trees are left bare and plain
And the beautiful leaves are gone
In despair.
But everybody knows
Deep down inside they'll return
When the warm air begins to glide
In the world we live in today.
When winter comes in the next decade ,
The beautiful leaves we all wish to see may be vanished
And for that we can give all thethanks
To the people of the world today.

B. Osborn

NEW BAND DIRECTOR Mr. HAUPT

Mr. Haupt was born in Denver, Colorado. He went to school in Benton Harbor.(Michigan, of course.)

For college, he said,"I went to WEstern Michigan University and got my bachelor's degree in piano. I also played trombone. Then I went to New Mexico and got my master's degree in composition and band directing. I stayed there for a year and a half."

Mr. Haupt's first job teaching was Johannesberg/Lewiston School.

What Mr. Haupt likes best about band is "Your attitudes. You have talent and the ability to do many things."

by V.Miller

Ms. Klump: Student Teacher

Ms. Klump is a student teacher with Mr. ERickson this semester. She will be here until December 21.

Her major is Earth Science nd her minor is Family Life. She made no comment whether she enjoyed this age group but from her teaching she acts like she does.

Ms. Klump is an enjoyable teacher and we hope she has fun.

S.Myers

STUDENT TEACHER MR. VANDENBUSH

Mr. Vandenbush is a student teacher for Mr. Watterworth. He is 23 years old and attend Western Michigan University. He has been there for five years.

He is working for a Bachelor of Science degree.

Ever since he went to school, he has wanted to teach. He likes the age of middle school kids. So that is what he will probably teach.

His other interests and hobies are music, traveling, and racquet sports. If he decided not to teach math, he'd want to be a music teacher or a professional tennis player.

B. OSborn

MEET MRS. MATSON

Mrs. Matson used to teach language arts and reading along with arts a long time ago. Now she is again.

She has a master's degree in art. She has a husband named Jeff and a golden retriever named Bert.

Some of Mrs. Matson's favorite things are painting, golf, reading and eating. Her favorite animal, understandably, is the golden retriever. She likes jazz and the color blue-violet. She likes Chinese food and the Far Side. She also likes L.A. Law and Twin Peaks.

Some o her special moments in her life are getting married and teaching at KVCC.

One thing she likes about teaching is kids. "Generally I think they're pretty cool." Some day she would like to retire and play golf.

K. Bearden

MRS. KOLON RETURNS TO M.S.

Mrs. Kolon is the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade special education teacher.

She has been trained from pre-school through adult education. She has a major in English , a minor in elementary education and an endorsement in special education.

Mrs. Kolon hasa husband named Paul and two children , Katie and Seth.

Mrs. Kolon' hobbies are sewing, walking , reading and music. Her special positive moments are her first date, her wedding, and the birth of her children. She has some bad memories of a car crash.

Mrs. Kolon's favorites include jazz, broccoli, chicken, lobster and shrimp. They also inclide her favorite animal, the pig, her favorite color, blue , andher favorite records, "Local Hero" by Yellow Jackets, ERic Clapton and George Winston.

Mrs. Kolan's future plans are to have a vacation on a nice island and to lose twenty-five pounds.

J. Winters

ADVENTURES OF Cowboy Carl

Howdy, I'm Cowboy Carl. Listen up, everyone because I'm gonna tell you about some of my adventures. It all started back in 1866, or was it 67? Well, anyway, it was in my hometown, Coyote, Arizona.

One day I was ridng into town on my trusty mule, Jake. I wasn't no hero back then, just a driftin' cowboy. How I became a hero was like this.

On that very day I walked past the bank on my way to the saloon and saw about twenty, no thirty bandits robbing the bank. Well, I went right in there and asked them to put that money back. They asked what I was gonna do if they didn't.

They picked me upand threw me out the door. Well, thisreally got my blood boilin'. I took out my trusty harmonica and played the loudest, worst noise you have ever heard. They all fell on the floor, screaming for mercy. They flew out the door, leavin' the money behind. That's how I became a hero and the sheriff of Coyote.

(In actuality, Carl just happened to be playing a really bad tune as walked past the bank. So to this day he's not very skillful harmonica player.

by Brandon Miller

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

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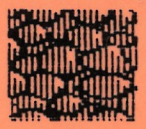

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SCHOOL HOT LINE

WEIRDEST Story WINNER

In the category of weirdest story, the best was "Pure Illogic" by Rob Gehl.

It was 9:00 a.m. and Mike Cool, owner of Cool Car Service Shop, turned on the television. "Yawn, just borin' old news," he said.

Then a Midas commericial came on. As always, the mechanic at the end said, in a pleasant tone of voice," Nobody beats Midas..." Then in a very booming voice,"NOBODY!"

Mr. Cool sat back in the couch. Then hesat up, eyes bulging and said,"By Jove, I've got it."

He ran into the kitchen and called his secretary. "Ms.Maggie, hi, baby." Then his wife walked in. "I mean, hi. Listen,schedule a meeting with my co-owner for tomorrow. Tell him it's important.!"

The next day he came to the meeting.The co-owner said,"So what's up?"

Mike said,"We're changing our name."

"To what?" asked the co-owner.

"Nobody," replied Mike.

"Nobody?"

"Yes Nobody- because other car shops say'Nobody can beat our deals'. So they're saying that we can beat their deals.'

"Oh," said the co-owner.

Their future- they went out of business and Nobody Car Service Shop became Nobody.

FAVORED CARTOON HEROES

The opinion poll of the month focuses on "Who is your favorite cartoon or story hero and why?"

Teresa Trowbridge said,"Sweet Valley High Twins. I like them because their stories are good, I guess." Kari Vesey agreed. Dennis Sellon liked "Mighty Mouse because he can fight out every crime." Sara Weaver liked "the Gummi BEars because they're cute."

Kellie Wilson liked "Chilly Willy. He is short, cute and has chubby cheeks."Kris Gibbs liked "Batman because I grew up liking him." Joshua Souther agreed with Kris. "Batman is a good person."

Justin Hathaway said,"Chip and Dale because they're funny." Ryan flexible." Bernard Varnesdeel liked "the Tasmanian Devil because he reminds me of my cousin."

Jeff Bartells liked "Mighty Mouse. He comes to save the day." Jeremy Zirkle liked "Scrooge McDuck because he weard cool clothes and is rich." Menah Satayut liekd "Fred Flintstone because he's cool."

Amber Major said,"Bart Simpson. He is funny." SethPurdy agreed. Jim Yarberry also liked Bart. Mr. Lutz liked "Rocky the Flying Squirrel. He always comes out on top without any special ability."

Angela Edwards' favorite was "Mickey Mouse. He's cool and funny." Jason Meyer picked "Alvin the Chipmunk. I like the way they sing." Ron Winters picked "Launch Pad because he's crazy like me." Mrs Swanson liked Launch Pad too. "He looks my brother Dave,"she said.

Brian Stratton liked "Baloo because he's total coolness." Cris DeBaptiste agreed. So did Chris Laverack. Shea Sherrod chose " Michelangelo because he's the only cartoon who talks cool."

Sarah Joslin liked " Scooby Doo.He is a funny and a scaredy cat." Carie Watts liked " Bugs Bunny. He is fun."

Jerry McNett liked"Ninja Turtles. They're green." Chance Bardon agred saying,"I like the way they fight."

Brandon Miller's favorite cartoon or storybook hero is " Phil Donahue." Scott Puckett voted for " He-Man. He's Strong." Kris Krebs liked "Bart Simpson" as did Vicki Reisterer who said,"He's a rebel and he hates school." Angie Robbins thought Bart was "Cool." So did Vaughn Sinkewiz.

Andy Kuntz's favorite was Frank Coulson." Beth Borelli said," Garfield.He's weird and cool." David Barnes liked "Road runner. He's fast."

Ninja Turtles were quite popular with everyone. Nick Zygadlo said," Donatello. He's green." Brent Shaefer said, "Turtles are bodacious." Katie Markovich said,"Michelangelo is nice." Mary Tapper thought "Michelangelo was strong and nice." Angela House declared, "They are always there to save the day."

SURVEY CONTINUES

The Simpsons appeared on many answers. Michelle Johnson liked "Maggie Simpson. I don't know why." Josh Axe said, "Bart. He is more our age." Alison Nelson said," Bart is free of what he wants to do and what he doesn't want to do." Seth Parker noted, "Bart is cool and you can understand his problems." Jim Kerr thinks the "Simpsons is an educational cartoon. It teaches yo about family life."

Jason TenBRink said, "Simpsons teaches you good manners in your family." Chuck Lehman said, "Bart exercises free speech." Kevin Zimmerman thinks "Simpsons are like a real family." Tim Pluta sees Bart as " a most tranquil dude." Alicia Dacoba likes "Bart, He's a wise guy like my horse." Brian Holewa, Ry Charters, Brice Henson all agreed with the Simpson fans.

Aaron Anderson liked "Zippy the Pinhead." Amy DenHamer's choice is "The Saddle Club. They're always solving mysteries." Jessica Stickels liked "He-Man because we named our cat after him."

Laura Sutherland liked "Garfield as the Caped Avenger." Craig Bay likes "Pluto. I like dogs and he is silly like me." William Lacey's favorite was "Goofy. He's a good character and really weird." Cris Vhrel agreed. Elaine Gillam liked "McGiver. He is creative in a pinch." Chastity McLemore liked "Calvin and Hobbes and She-ra. Calvin is like me. He exaggerates and Hobbes I like because he's a stupid tiger."

Kelly Becker liked "Zeus..has a nifty name, sense of maturity and intellect,,in charge of the sky. I love lightening..he is in control." Jennifer White chose " Dan Quayle because he is too cool." Both Abby Garcia and Ed Anders liked "Captain N because they like Nintendo and he's a pro."

Jamie Mollitor couldn't think of a favorite so that it where we'll end this.

Itchy and Ignace-Portraits of Pets

My favorite pet is my pet flea. His name is Itchy. He likes to hop on my mom and just make her itch real bad. He also likes to go to sleep on my most favorite shirt. Sometimes I forget about him and put that shirt on. Boy does he get mad.

He will jump up into myear and chew on my ear drum. That hurts real bad.

Itchy jumps all over my friends, too. My dad likes him but my mom can't stand him. She tries to kill him at least once a day. One time I accidentally brought him to school and he jumped all over everybody. He sneaked into the locker room and scared all the girls out of their wits, even bit a few of them.

Last year my brother sneaked up behind Itchy and he dumped a whole can of flea killer on him and killed him.

Momfelt real bad for me because she knew I was sad so she went to some gross alleyand found a scummy mangy mutt who happened to be carrying fleas. She brought me a new flea. Of course it was not like Itchy but I think she'll do.

I entered my new flea, Ignace, in the contry fair flea race. She beat everyone, and I won onehundred and fifty dollars. I bought her a beautiful 38 room flea house with 10 bedrooms, six baths,and five exercise rooms. That house did use up one hundred and twenty-two dollars of my winnings. I bought me a pair of Dockers with the remaining cash.

The next day a tragedy occurred. My flea got locked in her bathroom and forgot about the tub. It filled upthe room and she drowned.

B.Stratton

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10 words for Halloween
by L. Thompson

Dear Sam,

There is this girl I like. I wrote her a note. Now everybody teases me because they know I like her. Should I talk to her or should I try something else? What should I do?

Signed,
Confused on Pine STreet

Dear Confused,

I think you should talk to her and if she likes you, then ignore what other people think. It is strictly between you and her. Besides, who cares what other people think? It's your decision and she doesn't like yo, go on with your life. You'll forget her.

Dear Sam,

I am thirteen and my boyfriend wants to.. well, you know. But I don't know what I should do?

Help.

Dear Help,

Just say no. If you don't know what else to do, just say NO. Remember you don't have to do anything you don't want to.

Dear Sam,

I've got this problem. I drew all these designs on my arm four days ago and it won't come off. What should I do?

Tatooed-for -life

Dear Tatooed,

Have you tried detergent with bleach? You could get a skin graft- where they take skin off your back and put on your arms. That's pretty drastic and painful. ACtually try just lots of soap and scrub real hard. Next time,draw on paper.

ROLLER WORLD PARTY

The rollerskating party was held Monday at Rollerworld. It began at 7:00 and ended at 9:00.

This was the first all-school party and was sponsored by the Paw PAw Middle School Parents Group.

C.Zygadlo

"Totally Spaced-Out Story"

"Once upon a time there was this ship.."

"Hey what are you writing? This sounds like a fairy tale."

"It is. "

"Are you some kind of jerk or something? The title of this story is the totally-spaced out story...not 'Here comes Peter Cottontail'.This is supposed to be a future story."

"So what do you mean?"

"I mean write a future story, dope."

"Well,okay, I'll do it."

"Once in the near future there was a team of super heroes in a space car."

"No, no,no. This isn't about super heroes. This is about wacky people in space,okay? Now try again."

"Far from now a planet where wild wacky kool-aid style creatures live..."

"No no no. Give me that pencil. I'll write the story."

"I'm not giving up the pencil."

"Okay, let's try it once more. Then you give it to me if you foul it up again."

"The year 2000 and hey what did you do that for?"

"You messed up my paper."

"You took my pencil."

"Give it back."

"Ouch that hurt."

"I told you to give it back."

Sorry folks but due to injury and financial loss due to rewrites , this story will never be published.

by Jerry McNett